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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
APPROPRIATIONS BILL BY JOINT
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
ON AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL
RESOURCES)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to and making appropriations involving state
2 government, by providing for agriculture, natural resources,
3 and environmental protection, and including effective date
4 provisions.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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DIVISION I

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP

GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS

Section 1. GENERAL FUND — DEPARTMENT.

1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010, and ending June 30, 2011, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For purposes of supporting the department, including its divisions, for administration, regulation, and programs; for salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes; and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:	
.....	\$ 16,872,308
.....	FTEs 408.00

2. The department shall submit a report each quarter of the fiscal year to the legislative services agency, the department of management, the members of the joint appropriations subcommittee on agriculture and natural resources, and the co-chairpersons and ranking members of the senate and house committees on appropriations. The report shall describe in detail the expenditure of moneys appropriated in this section to support the department's administration, regulation, and programs.

DESIGNATED APPROPRIATIONS — ANIMAL HUSBANDRY

Sec. 2. UNCLAIMED PARI-MUTUEL WAGERING WINNINGS — HORSE AND DOG RACING. There is appropriated from the moneys available under section 99D.13 to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010, and ending June 30, 2011, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

For purposes of supporting the department's administration and enforcement of horse and dog racing law pursuant to section 99D.22, including for salaries, support, maintenance, and

1 miscellaneous purposes:

2 \$ 305,516

3 DESIGNATED APPROPRIATIONS — MOTOR FUEL

4 Sec. 3. RENEWABLE FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND — MOTOR

5 FUEL INSPECTION. There is appropriated from the renewable
6 fuel infrastructure fund created in section 15G.205 to the
7 department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal
8 year beginning July 1, 2010, and ending June 30, 2011, the
9 following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
10 used for the purposes designated:

11 For purposes of the inspection of motor fuel, including
12 salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:

13 \$ 300,000

14 The department shall establish and administer programs
15 for the auditing of motor fuel including biofuel processing
16 and production plants, for screening and testing motor fuel,
17 including renewable fuel, and for the inspection of motor fuel
18 sold by dealers including retail dealers who sell and dispense
19 motor fuel from motor fuel pumps.

20 DIVISION II

21 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

22 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS

23 Sec. 4. GENERAL FUND — DEPARTMENT. There is appropriated
24 from the general fund of the state to the department of natural
25 resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010, and
26 ending June 30, 2011, the following amount, or so much thereof
27 as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

28 1. For purposes of supporting the department, including its
29 divisions, for administration, regulation, and programs; for
30 salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes; and
31 for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

32 \$ 15,600,710

33 FTEs 1,168.95

34 2. The department shall submit a report each quarter of the
35 fiscal year to the legislative services agency, the department

1 of management, the members of the joint appropriations
2 subcommittee on agriculture and natural resources, and the
3 co-chairpersons and ranking members of the senate and house
4 committees on appropriations. The report shall describe in
5 detail the expenditure of moneys appropriated under this
6 section to support the department's administration, regulation,
7 and programs.

8 Sec. 5. REALIZED COST SAVINGS — PRIVATE BUILDINGS. During
9 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010, the department of
10 natural resources shall realize cost savings to every extent
11 legally possible by complying with executive order number
12 20 issued December 16, 2009, and as described in the Iowa
13 efficiency review report submitted by the public works limited
14 liability corporation, by providing staff office space for the
15 department in the Wallace building, and relinquishing any space
16 in a private building subject to an expired lease.

17 Sec. 6. REALIZED COST SAVINGS — VOLUNTEER AND INTERN
18 PROGRAMS AT STATE PARKS. During the fiscal year beginning July
19 1, 2010, the department of natural resources shall realize cost
20 savings to every extent possible by complying with executive
21 order number 20 issued December 16, 2009, and as described in
22 the Iowa efficiency review report submitted by the public works
23 limited liability corporation, by increasing the number of
24 volunteer and intern programs at state parks.

25 Sec. 7. STATE FISH AND GAME PROTECTION FUND — DIVISION OF
26 FISH AND WILDLIFE.

27 1. a. There is appropriated from the state fish and game
28 protection fund to the department of natural resources for the
29 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010, and ending June 30, 2011,
30 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
31 used for the purposes designated:

32 For purposes of supporting the division of fish and
33 wildlife, including for administration, regulation, and
34 programs; and for salaries, support, maintenance, equipment,
35 and miscellaneous purposes:

1 \$ 38,793,154

2 b. Notwithstanding section 455A.10, the department may use
3 the unappropriated balance remaining in the state fish and game
4 protection fund to provide for the funding of health and life
5 insurance premium payments from unused sick leave balances of
6 conservation peace officers employed in a protection occupation
7 who retire, pursuant to section 97B.49B.

8 2. The department shall not expend more moneys from the
9 state fish and game protection fund than provided in this
10 section, unless the expenditure derives from contributions made
11 by a private entity, or a grant or moneys received from the
12 federal government, and is approved by the natural resource
13 commission. The department of natural resources shall promptly
14 notify the legislative services agency and the chairpersons and
15 ranking members of the joint appropriations subcommittee on
16 agriculture and natural resources concerning the commission's
17 approval.

18 Sec. 8. GROUNDWATER PROTECTION FUND — WATER QUALITY. There
19 is appropriated from the groundwater protection fund created
20 in section 455E.11 to the department of natural resources for
21 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010, and ending June 30,
22 2011, from those moneys which are not allocated pursuant to
23 that section, the following amount, or so much thereof as is
24 necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

25 For purposes of supporting the department's protection
26 of the state's groundwater, including for administration,
27 regulation, and programs, and for salaries, support,
28 maintenance, equipment, and miscellaneous purposes:

29 \$ 3,455,832

30 DESIGNATED APPROPRIATIONS — MISCELLANEOUS

31 Sec. 9. SPECIAL SNOWMOBILE FUND — SNOWMOBILE
32 PROGRAM. There is appropriated from the special snowmobile
33 fund created under section 321G.7 to the department of natural
34 resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010, and
35 ending June 30, 2011, the following amount, or so much thereof

1 as is necessary, to be used for the purpose designated:

2 For purposes of administering and enforcing the state
3 snowmobile program:

4 \$ 100,000

5 Sec. 10. UNASSIGNED REVENUE FUND — UNDERGROUND STORAGE
6 TANK SECTION EXPENSES. There is appropriated from the
7 unassigned revenue fund administered by the Iowa comprehensive
8 underground storage tank fund board to the department of
9 natural resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010,
10 and ending June 30, 2011, the following amount, or so much
11 thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purpose designated:

12 For purposes of paying for administration expenses of the
13 department's underground storage tank section:

14 \$ 200,000

15 Sec. 11. STORM WATER DISCHARGE PERMIT FEES — SUPPORT FOR
16 SPECIAL PURPOSES. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of
17 state law, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010, and
18 ending June 30, 2011, the department of natural resources may
19 use additional moneys available to the department collected
20 from storm water discharge permit fees as provided in section
21 455B.103A or 455B.197 for the staffing of the following
22 additional full-time equivalent positions for the purposes
23 designated:

24 1. For purposes of reducing the department's floodplain
25 permit backlog:

26 FTEs 2.00

27 2. For purposes of implementing the federal total maximum
28 daily load program:

29 FTEs 2.00

30 Sec. 12. INTERIM STUDY OF PUBLIC LAND UNDER THE CONTROL
31 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES WHICH MAY BE USED FOR
32 PUBLIC HUNTING. The department of natural resources shall
33 conduct an interim study of public land under its control which
34 may be used for public hunting. The department shall authorize
35 public hunting on public land for which the department

1 determines such activity is beneficial. The department shall
2 report the results of the interim study to the governor and
3 general assembly by January 10, 2011.

4 Sec. 13. ELIMINATION OF CHIEF AND ASSISTANT CHIEF OF THE LAW
5 ENFORCEMENT BUREAU OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES. The
6 positions of chief and assistant chief of the law enforcement
7 bureau of the department of natural resources are eliminated.

8 Sec. 14. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. The section of this
9 division of this Act relating to the elimination of the
10 positions of chief and assistant chief of the law enforcement
11 bureau of the department of natural resources, being deemed of
12 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

13 DIVISION III

14 IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

15 Sec. 15. GENERAL FUND — VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY.

16 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
17 to Iowa state university of science and technology for the
18 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010, and ending June 30, 2011,
19 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
20 used for the purposes designated:

21 For purposes of supporting the college of veterinary
22 medicine for the operation of the veterinary diagnostic
23 laboratory and for not more than the following full-time
24 equivalent positions:

25	\$	3,444,294
26	FTEs	44.00

27 2. a. Iowa state university of science and technology
28 shall not reduce the amount that it allocates to support the
29 college of veterinary medicine from any other source due to the
30 appropriation made in this section.

31 b. Paragraph "a" does not apply to a reduction made to
32 support the college of veterinary medicine, if the same
33 percentage of reduction imposed on the college of veterinary
34 medicine is also imposed on all of Iowa state university's
35 budget units.

1 3. If by the end of the fiscal year, Iowa state university
2 of science and technology fails to allocate the moneys
3 appropriated in this section to the college of veterinary
4 medicine in accordance with this section, the moneys
5 appropriated in this section for that fiscal year shall revert
6 to the general fund of the state.

7 Sec. 16. VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY — FUTURE
8 YEAR. This section applies if appropriations made in this Act
9 and all other Acts enacted by the Eighty-third General Assembly
10 during the 2010 regular session and all extraordinary sessions,
11 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010, and ending June
12 30, 2011, for purposes of supporting the operation of the
13 veterinary diagnostic laboratory associated with the college
14 of veterinary medicine at Iowa state university, total less
15 than \$4,000,000. It is the intent of the general assembly
16 that the amount of any deficit will be appropriated by the
17 general assembly during its 2011 regular session for purposes
18 of supporting the operation of the veterinary diagnostic
19 laboratory for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011, and
20 ending June 30, 2012.

21 DIVISION IV

22 ENVIRONMENT FIRST FUND — GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS

23 Sec. 17. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND
24 STEWARDSHIP. There is appropriated from the environment first
25 fund created in section 8.57A to the department of agriculture
26 and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
27 2010, and ending June 30, 2011, the following amounts, or so
28 much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
29 designated:

- 30 1. CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (CREP)
- 31 a. For the conservation reserve enhancement program to
- 32 restore and construct wetlands for the purposes of intercepting
- 33 tile line runoff, reducing nutrient loss, improving water
- 34 quality, and enhancing agricultural production practices:
- 35 \$ 1,500,000

1 b. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated
2 in paragraph "a" may be used for costs of administration and
3 implementation of soil and water conservation practices.

4 2. WATERSHED PROTECTION

5 a. For continuation of a program that provides
6 multiobjective resource protections for flood control, water
7 quality, erosion control, and natural resource conservation:
8 \$ 1,500,000

9 b. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated
10 in paragraph "a" may be used for costs of administration and
11 implementation of soil and water conservation practices.

12 3. FARM MANAGEMENT DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM

13 a. For continuation of a statewide voluntary farm
14 management demonstration program to demonstrate the
15 effectiveness and adaptability of emerging practices in
16 agronomy that protect water resources and provide other
17 environmental benefits:
18 \$ 750,000

19 b. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated
20 in paragraph "a" may be used for costs of administration and
21 implementation of soil and water conservation practices.

22 c. Of the amount appropriated in paragraph "a", \$400,000
23 shall be allocated to an organization representing soybean
24 growers to provide for an agriculture and environment
25 performance program in order to carry out the purposes of this
26 subsection as specified in paragraph "a".

27 4. AGRICULTURE DRAINAGE WELL WATER QUALITY ASSISTANCE FUND

28 a. For deposit in the agricultural drainage well water
29 quality assistance fund created in section 460.303 to be used
30 for purposes of supporting the agricultural drainage well water
31 quality assistance program as provided in section 460.304:
32 \$ 1,250,000

33 b. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated
34 in paragraph "a" may be used for costs of administration and
35 implementation of soil and water conservation practices.

1 5. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION — ADMINISTRATION

2 For use by the department for costs of administration and
3 implementation of soil and water conservation practices:

4 \$ 1,050,000

5 6. CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CRP)

6 a. To encourage and assist farmers in enrolling in and the
7 implementation of the federal conservation program and to work
8 with them to enhance their revegetation efforts to improve
9 water quality and habitat:

10 \$ 1,300,000

11 b. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated
12 in paragraph "a" may be used for costs of administration and
13 implementation of soil and water conservation practices.

14 7. LOESS HILLS DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION FUND

15 a. For deposit in the loess hills development and
16 conservation fund created in section 161D.2:

17 \$ 500,000

18 b. (1) Of the amount appropriated in paragraph "a",
19 \$323,000 shall be allocated to the fund's hungry canyons
20 account.

21 (2) Not more than 10 percent of the moneys allocated to the
22 hungry canyons account as provided in subparagraph (1) may be
23 used for administrative costs.

24 c. (1) Of the amount appropriated in paragraph "a",
25 \$177,000 shall be allocated to the fund's loess hills alliance
26 account.

27 (2) Not more than 10 percent of the moneys allocated to the
28 loess hills alliance account as provided in subparagraph (1)
29 may be used for administrative costs.

30 8. SOUTHERN IOWA DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION FUND

31 a. For deposit in the southern Iowa development and
32 conservation fund created in section 161D.12:

33 \$ 250,000

34 b. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated in
35 paragraph "a" may be used for administrative costs.

1 9. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION

2 a. For use by the department in providing for soil and
3 water conservation administration, the conservation of soil and
4 water resources, or the support of soil and water conservation
5 district commissioners:

6 \$ 1,751,600

7 b. The department may deposit any amount of the moneys into
8 the Mississippi river basin healthy watersheds initiative fund
9 as created in this Act.

10 Sec. 18. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES. There is
11 appropriated from the environment first fund created in section
12 8.57A to the department of natural resources for the fiscal
13 year beginning July 1, 2010, and ending June 30, 2011, the
14 following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
15 used for the purposes designated:

16 1. KEEPERS OF THE LAND

17 For statewide coordination of volunteer efforts under the
18 water quality and keepers of the land programs:

19 \$ 100,000

20 2. STATE PARKS MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS

21 For regular maintenance of state parks and staff time
22 associated with these activities:

23 \$ 2,470,000

24 3. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS)

25 To provide local watershed managers with geographic
26 information system data for their use in developing,
27 monitoring, and displaying results of their watershed work:

28 \$ 195,000

29 4. WATER QUALITY MONITORING

30 For continuing the establishment and operation of water
31 quality monitoring stations:

32 \$ 2,955,000

33 5. PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM ACCOUNT

34 For deposit in the public water supply system account of the
35 water quality protection fund created in section 455B.183A:

1 \$ 500,000
2 6. REGULATION OF ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATIONS
3 For the regulation of animal feeding operations, including
4 as provided for in chapters 459 and 459A:
5 \$ 608,400
6 7. AMBIENT AIR QUALITY
7 For the abatement, control, and prevention of ambient
8 air pollution in this state, including measures as necessary
9 to assure attainment and maintenance of ambient air quality
10 standards from particulate matter:
11 \$ 425,000
12 8. WATER QUANTITY REGULATION
13 For regulating water quantity from surface and subsurface
14 sources by providing for the allocation and use of water
15 resources, the protection and management of water resources,
16 and the preclusion of conflicts among users of water resources,
17 including as provided in chapter 455B, division III, part 4:
18 \$ 495,000
19 9. RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT (RCD)
20 a. For resource conservation and development associated
21 with the development of projects relating to natural
22 resource-based business opportunities:
23 \$ 150,000
24 b. Local resource conservation and development groups
25 sponsored by county governments or sponsored by soil and water
26 conservation districts shall be eligible to receive moneys
27 appropriated in paragraph "a" on the condition that such groups
28 receive the moneys on a dollar-for-dollar matching basis.
29 c. Not more than 5 percent of the moneys appropriated in
30 paragraph "a" may be used for the costs of implementing and
31 administering this subsection.
32 10. STATE PARKS VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES
33 For supporting volunteer activities at state parks,
34 including by providing volunteers with food, services, and
35 items required to accomplish tasks associated with state park

1 operations:

2 \$ 250,000

3 Sec. 19. REVERSION. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys
4 appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010,
5 in this division of this Act that remain unencumbered or
6 unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert
7 but shall remain available for the purposes designated until
8 the close of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011, or until
9 the project for which the appropriation was made is completed,
10 whichever is earlier.

11 DIVISION V

12 ENVIRONMENT FIRST FUND — RESOURCES ENHANCEMENT
13 AND PROTECTION (REAP)

14 Sec. 20. IOWA RESOURCES ENHANCEMENT AND PROTECTION
15 FUND. Notwithstanding the amount of the standing appropriation
16 from the general fund of the state to the Iowa resources
17 enhancement and protection fund as provided in section
18 455A.18, there is appropriated from the environment first fund
19 created in section 8.57A to the Iowa resources enhancement
20 and protection fund, in lieu of the appropriation made in
21 section 455A.18, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010,
22 and ending June 30, 2011, the following amount, to be allocated
23 as provided in section 455A.19:

24 \$ 15,000,000

25 Sec. 21. FUTURE USE OF MONEYS IN THE IOWA RESOURCES
26 ENHANCEMENT FUND. It is the intent of the general assembly
27 that on and after July 1, 2011, moneys deposited in the Iowa
28 resources enhancement and protection fund as provided in
29 section 455A.18 shall not be used to pay for Honey creek park
30 bond obligations.

31 DIVISION VI

32 MISSISSIPPI RIVER BASIN HEALTHY
33 WATERSHEDS INITIATIVE

34 Sec. 22. NEW SECTION. 161G.1 Definitions.

35 1. "Department" means the department of agriculture and land

1 stewardship.

2 2. "*Fund*" means the Mississippi river basin healthy
3 watersheds initiative fund created pursuant to section 161G.2.

4 Sec. 23. NEW SECTION. 161G.2 Mississippi river basin
5 healthy watersheds initiative fund.

6 1. A Mississippi river basin healthy watersheds initiative
7 fund is created within the department.

8 2. The fund is composed of money appropriated by the general
9 assembly to the fund, and moneys available to and obtained or
10 accepted by the department from the United States, the state,
11 or a private source for placement in the fund.

12 3. The fund shall be used by the department to support
13 the Mississippi river basin healthy watersheds initiative as
14 provided in section 161G.3.

15 4. The moneys in the fund are not subject to section 8.33
16 and shall not be transferred, used, obligated, appropriated,
17 or otherwise encumbered except as provided in this section.
18 Notwithstanding section 12C.7, subsection 2, interest or
19 earnings on moneys in the fund shall be credited to the fund.

20 Sec. 24. NEW SECTION. 161G.3 Mississippi river basin
21 healthy watersheds initiative.

22 1. The department shall implement a voluntary program to
23 assist in improving the health of the Mississippi river basin,
24 including water quality and wildlife habitat.

25 2. The department shall implement the program consistent
26 with requirements of the United States department of
27 agriculture in its administration of the Mississippi river
28 basin healthy watersheds initiative.

29 3. To the extent allowed by the United States department of
30 agriculture, the department of agriculture and land stewardship
31 may do all of the following:

32 a. Provide for conservation systems that manage and optimize
33 nitrogen and phosphorous within fields to minimize runoff and
34 reduce downstream nutrient loading.

35 b. Assist agricultural producers with a system of practices

1 that will control soil erosion, improve soil quality, restore
2 and enhance wildlife habitat, and manage runoff and drainage
3 water for improved water quality.

4 *c.* Avoid, control, and trap nutrient runoff and maintain
5 agricultural productivity.

6 *d.* Partner with landowners to implement a range of
7 land stewardship practices, including but not limited to
8 conservation tillage, nutrient management, and other innovative
9 practices.

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EXPLANATION

11 GENERAL. This bill relates to agriculture and natural
12 resources by making appropriations for the 2010-2011 fiscal
13 year to support related entities, including the department of
14 agriculture and land stewardship, the department of natural
15 resources, and Iowa state university.

16 The bill appropriates moneys to the department of
17 agriculture and land stewardship and the department of natural
18 resources. The appropriations are made to support those
19 departments for administration, regulation, and programs. The
20 bill requires the departments to submit quarterly reports to
21 the general assembly and department of management regarding the
22 expenditure of appropriated moneys. The bill also provides
23 moneys to support specific programs or projects administered by
24 those departments. The bill appropriates moneys from a number
25 of sources, including the general fund of the state, the state
26 fish and game protection fund, and the groundwater protection
27 fund. The bill is organized into divisions.

28 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP. For the
29 department of agriculture and land stewardship, moneys are
30 appropriated in order to support its divisions.

31 The bill appropriates moneys from the general fund to
32 support designated programs, including horse and dog racing,
33 and motor fuel inspection.

34 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES. For the department of
35 natural resources, moneys are appropriated from the general

1 fund in order to support its divisions.

2 The bill makes appropriations from other funds. The bill
3 appropriates moneys to the department of natural resources from
4 the state fish and game protection fund to support programs
5 related to fish and wildlife. The bill appropriates moneys
6 from the groundwater protection fund to support groundwater
7 quality. The bill appropriates moneys from the snowmobile fund
8 to the department for snowmobile programs.

9 The bill includes miscellaneous provisions. An
10 appropriation is made from the unassigned revenue fund
11 administered by the Iowa comprehensive underground storage
12 tank fund board to the department of natural resources for
13 administration and expenses of the underground storage tank
14 section.

15 The bill provides that the department of natural
16 resources may use additional funds for staffing to reduce the
17 department's floodplain permit backlog and implementing the
18 federal maximum daily load program.

19 The bill requires the department of natural resources
20 to realize cost savings by relinquishing space at private
21 buildings and increasing the number of volunteer and interim
22 programs.

23 The bill requires the department of natural resources to
24 conduct an interim study of public land under its control which
25 may be used for public hunting.

26 The bill eliminates the positions of chief and assistant
27 chief of the law enforcement bureau of the department of
28 natural resources.

29 IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY. The bill appropriates moneys from
30 the general fund of the state for the operation of the Iowa
31 state university's veterinary diagnostic laboratory. It
32 includes provisions expressing legislative intent for a future
33 appropriation for the diagnostic laboratory.

34 ENVIRONMENT FIRST FUND — GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS. The
35 bill appropriates funding from the environment first fund

1 to the department of agriculture and land stewardship and
2 the department of natural resources to support a number of
3 programs and projects. A nonreversion clause authorizes the
4 appropriations made in this division to be carried forward into
5 the succeeding fiscal year.

6 ENVIRONMENT FIRST FUND — RESOURCE ENHANCEMENT AND
7 PROTECTION. The bill appropriates moneys from the environment
8 first fund to the resources enhancement and protection fund
9 in lieu of the \$20 million appropriated by statute from the
10 general fund of the state.

11 The bill provides that the general assembly intends that
12 moneys deposited in the Iowa resources enhancement and
13 protection fund are not used to pay for Honey creek park bond
14 obligations.

15 MISSISSIPPI RIVER BASIN HEALTHY WATERSHEDS INITIATIVE. The
16 bill establishes a Mississippi river basin healthy watersheds
17 initiative fund to support the Mississippi river basin healthy
18 watersheds initiative. The initiative is a voluntary program
19 to assist in improving the health of the Mississippi river
20 basin, including water quality and wildlife habitat.